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FOLLOWING IS THE "ZIMBABWE TIMES" ARTICLE OF MARCH 28 BASED ON AN  
INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG, JUST RECEIVED FROM " ZIMBABWE  
TIMES" OFFICE, SALISBURY:  
QUOTE THERE IS NOT MUCH DOUBT AS TO WHO FORMULATES THE CARTER  
ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY ON AFRICA. ANDREW YOUNG, THE UNITED STATES  
AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS HAS EMERGED NOT ONLY AS PRESIDENT  
CARTER'S CHIEF ADVISOR ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUT ALSO AS THE KEEPER  
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OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S CONSCIENCE. IN THIS INTERVIEW HE TELLS  
ZIMBABWE TIMES EDITORIAL CHIEF, HERBERT MUNANGATIRE THE REASONS  
FOR HIS GOVERNMENT'S RESERVATIONS ON THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED  
SETTLEMENT BETWEEN MR. SMITH, THE RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER AND  
THREE AFRICAN NATIONALIST LEADERS-BISHOP ABEL MUZOREWA, REV.  
NDABANINGI SITHOLE AND SENATOR CHIRAU. HE ALSO EXPRESSES AMERICAN  
FEARS THAT A CIVIL WAR IN RHODESIA WOULD LEAD TO THE FALL OF THE

BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

QUESTION: YOU WILL RECALL THAT WE LAST MET AT MALTA. AT THAT TIME, A GROUP OF INTERNALLY BASED PARTIES IN RHODESIA WERE HOLDING MEETINGS WITH MR. IAN SMITH IN SALISBURY. NOW THEY HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT AND WILL SHORTLY FORM AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION. HOW DOES YOUR GOVERNMENT SEE THIS DEVELOPMENT?

ANSWER: THIS DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR OUR GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT GIVES THE PROMISE OF A SETTLEMENT WHICH WE DON'T FEEL IS A REAL SETTLEMENT. IN A SENSE, I THINK MR. SMITH BARGAINED TOO WELL FOR HIS OWN GOOD. HAD HE BEEN WILLING TO GIVE ON THE QUESTION OF SEPARATE ROLLS FOR INSTANCE, OR EVEN SEPARATE ROLLS FOR HALF OF THE SEATS, HE WOULD HAVE THEN HAD SOME MODERATE WHITES IN THE GOVERNMENT WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO THE INFLUENCE OF THE

BLACK VOTERS AND YOU MIGHT HAVE HAD THE POSSIBILITY OF SELLING THE SETTLEMENT TO THE REST OF THE WORLD. IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE REALLY LITTLE MORE THAN THE PAPER THEY ARE WRITTEN ON. THEY ARE NOT IRREVERSIBLE. MR. SMITH MIGHT AGREE FOR THE NEXT NINE MONTHS AND THEN DECIDE CONDITIONS ARE NOT READY FOR INDEPENDENCE AND CHANGE HIS MIND AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ENGOTIATING WITH HIM HAVE NO SECURITY AGAINST THAT. THE FACT THAT HE INSISTED ON KEEPING HIMSELF EVEN AS NOMINAL PRIME MINISTER DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD CREATES REAL SUSPICION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE IS SERIOUS ABOUT TURNING OVER POWER. THE SMART THING TO DO WOULD

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HAVE BEEN TO PUT EVEN SOMEBODY ELSE WHITE IN THERE TEMPORARILY AND THEN STEP ASIDE. EVERYBODY WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT HE WOULD STILL HAVE INFLUENCE BEHIND THE SCENES BUT AT LEAST HE WOULD HAVE HAD A VISIBLE SYMBOL OF GETTING RID OF HIMSELF AS A STUMBLING BLOCK. I THINK, IN SOME WAYS, WE WANT THE SAME THINGS THAT THE BLACK MAJORITY WANT. WHEN I SAY "WE" I MEAN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. WE WANT THE SAME THINGS THE WHITE SETTLEERS WANT AND THAT IS PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. NOW THAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE WITH A LITTLE MORE PATIENCE. I THINK IT IS NOT IN THE U.S. INTERESTS TO HAVE A SITUATION THAT IS GOING TO CONTINUALLY MAKE ZIMBABWE VULNERABLE TO GUERRILLA WARFARE, AND EVEN I F

THE BISHOP MUZOREWA IS RIGHT, AND MANY OF THE GUERRILLAS DEFECT AND COME BACK INTO THE GOVERNMENT, SO LONG AS THESE KINDS OF CONDI TIONS

OF DISCONTENT REMAIN THERE WILL ALWAYS BE MORE PEOPLE LEAVING THE COUNTRY AND IT WILL BE AN ISSUE. THE U.S. INTEREST IS IN SETTLING THE RHODEISAN SITUATION AND PROVIDING A STABLE MECHANISM FOR LAW AND ORDER.

QUESTION: DO I UNDERSTAND MR. AMBASSADOR THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING NOW IS THAT THE SALISBURY ACCORD AS IT STANDS IS NOT WHOLLY

ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT?

ANSWER: THE TERM I'D RATHER USE IS THAT IT IS GROSSLY INADEQUATE.  
I WOULD COMMEND THE GENTLEMEN FOR THEIR EFFORT. I FRANKLY THINK BISHOP

MUZOREWA WAS OUTNUMBERED TO START WITH. I THINK THAT, NOT ONLY DID  
HE HAVE TO ARGUE AGAINST SMITH, BUT HE HAD TO ARGUE AGAINST  
CHIRAU, AND HE AND SITHOLE WERE NOT ALWAYS ABLE TO BE TOGETHER.

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ON ALMOST EVERY ISSUE, AS I READ THROUGH THE TRANSCRIPT,  
BOTH HE AND SITHOLE STARTED WITH PRETTY GOOD POSITIONS BUT IT WAS  
CLEAR THAT MR. SMITH'S CONCERN WAS ONLY FOR HIMSELF AND SPECIAL  
PRIVILEGES FOR THE WHITES. NOW, IF PROSPERITY, SECURITY, LAW  
AND ORDER ARE THE PRIVILEGES THAT THE WHITES NEED, AND I AGREE THAT  
THEY DO NEED THAT, THE BLACKS ALSO NEED THAT AND SO IT IS VERY  
HARD TO GUARANTEE THOSE THINGS FOR WHITES IF THEY ARE NOT ALSO  
GUARANTEED FOR THE BLACK MAJORITY AND IT WAS AS THOUGH IAN SMITH DID  
NOT NEGOTIATE IN THE INTERESTS OF ONE ZIMBABWE AND WHITE PEOPLE IN  
THE FUTURE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO LIVE IN ONE ZIMBABWE. I MET A WHITE  
COUPLE, FARMERS, IN THEIR SEVENTIES, WHO LIVED IN THE HEART OF  
RHODESIA, IN GENEVA LAST SUMMER. THEY WERE WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND  
THERE WRE FOUR HUNDRED OR SO BLACKS THAT WORKED ON THEIR FARM.  
THEY KNEW THAT THE LIBERATION FORCES WERE BACK AND FORTH ACROSS

THEIR FARM CONSTANTLY. THEY HAD NO FEAR. THEY WERE JUST ANXIOUS TO  
GET OVER THAT THEY DON'T WANT THEIR LAND TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM.  
I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE UNDER A NEW GOVERNMENT. I THINK THEY  
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ARE PREPARED TO LIVE THERE. THEY ARE WEALTHY PEOPLE. I ASKED THEM WHY

THEY DIDN'T MOVE TO SWITZERLAND. THEY HAD FRIENDS AND OWNED  
RPROPERTY IN SWITZERLAND ALSO. THEY SAID " BUT RHODESIA IS OUR HOME  
AND WE PLAN TO STAY THERE.\* NOW THOSE KIND OF PEOPLE WOULD NOT  
HAVE TROUBLE IN A NEW GOVERNMENT. THE MAIN THING THAT RHODESIA HAS  
TO PROTECT ITSELF AGAINST, OR ZIMBABWE HAS TO PROTECT ITSELF  
AGAINST IS CIVIL WAR AND THAT IS A DANGER  
MORE FOR THE BLACKS, IN A WAY, THAN IT IS FOR THE WHITES,  
AND THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN WHICH WOULD BRING IN SEVERAL  
THOUSAND U.N. TROOPS IN A PEACE-KEEPING FORCE, TO ME IS THE  
ONLY THING THAT CAN GUARANTEE THAT THERE WILL BE NO CIVIL WAR.  
ANYTHING THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE A CEASEFIRE, DOESN'T INVOLVE ALL  
THE PARTIES AND DOESN'T PROVIDE A NEUTRAL MILITARY FORCE  
AND AN INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATIVE FORCE. WHICH WOULD BE IN THE PERSON

OF LORD CARVER AS THE BRITISH RESIDENT COMMISSIONER- A MAN WHO  
ASSISTED IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF KENYA FROM ITS DIFFICULT MAU MAU  
DAYS INTO AN INDEPENDENT PROSPEROUS NATION. THAT SEEMS TO ME TO BE A  
MUCH BETTER DEAL FOR BLACKS AND WITES IN ZIMBABWE. IT WAS NOT  
A BETTER DEAL FOR SMITH BECAUSE IT WOULD MEAN THAT SMITH WOULD  
HAVE TO STEP DOWN AND SO IF SMITH REJECTS A PLAN THAT SEEMS TO BE  
ADEQUATE FOR BLACKS AND WHITES AND PUTS UP HIS OWN PLAN WHICH  
PROTECTS HIM BUT DOES NOT PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR EITHER BLACKS  
OR WHITES BECAUSE IT WOULD MAKE A CONTINUED CIVIL WAR, THEN  
IT IS VERY HARD FOR OUR GOERNMENT TO BUY THAT PLAN BECAUSE THAT  
IS NOT A ZIMBABWE PLAN, THAT IS NOT EVEN A GOOD WHITE SETTLER PLAN.  
IT IS A SUICIDE PLAN FOR WESTERN INTERESTS BECAUSE IT OPENS  
THE DOOR FOR CONTINUED CONFLICT THAT INEVITABLY WOULD NOT  
ONLY BE IN RHODESIA BUT WOULD SPILL OVER INTO ZIMBIA AND BOTSWANA  
AND POTENTIALLY IT WOULD GIVE COMMUNISTS THE CONTROL OF THE WHOLE  
MIDDLE BELT OF AFRICA AND WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO ALONG WITH THAT.

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QUESTION: COULD WE THEN, MR. AMBASSADOR, ASSUME THAT THAT ALSO IS  
THE POSITION OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT?

ANSWER: WELL, I DON'T SPEAK FOR HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE  
WORKED SO CLOSELY TOGETHER. I WOULD SAY HER MAJESTY'S  
GOVERNMENT SHARES MANY OF THOSE CONCERNS. BUT THERE IS A

DISTINCTION TO BE MADE I THINK BETWEEN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE BRITISH PRESS AND THE BRITISH ELECTORATE. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, I THINK HAS REALISED ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND IS SERIOUSLY PURSUING A LASTING SETTLEMENT. I FRANKLY THINK THAT THE BRITISH PEOPLE WANT TO WASH THEIR HANDS OF THE RHODESIA ISSUE AND ALMOST DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS. THEY WOULD LIKE A QUICK SOLUTION THAT WOULD TURN IT OVER TO SMITH AND THEY WOULD LOOK THE OTHER WAY. WE HAVE SAID THAT WE CANNOT DO THAT AND THAT TO HAVE RHODESIA GO THROUGH , FOR TWO YEARS EVEN, WHAT ANGOLA HAS GONE THROUGH, WOULD DESTROY ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTRIES. RHODESIA REMINDS ME SO MUCH OF GEORGIA, WHERE I COME FROM- THE CLIMATE, THE MINERAL RESOURCES- THIS IS THE KIND OF COUNTRY THAT WILL FLOURISH. THE QUESTION IS: 'CAN IT BEGIN TO FLOURISH IMMEDIATELY OR MUST IT GO THROUGH ANOTHER DECADE OF BLOODSHED.' I THINK UNDER THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN IT COULD BEGIN TO FLOURISH IMMEDIATELY. THE OTHER THING IS THAT THE PRESENT INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN SALISBURY WOULD NOT GIVE THE COUNTRY THE TWO THINGS THAT IT MOST NEEDS TO SURVIVE:

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(1) IT NEEDSECONOMIC ASSISTANCE OF MORE THAN JUST A GRADUAL  
DRIBBLING IN OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT. YOU SEE THE MINING INTERESTS WILL  
COME IN AND MAKE MINIMAL INVESTMENTS BUT MINING INDUSTRIES ARE

EXTRACTIVE. THEY TAKE MUST MORE OUT OF THE COUNTRY THAN THEY PUT IT. WHILE THERE WILL BE A TEMPORARY GROWTH WHILE THE ORES OF RHODESIA ARE EXTRACTED, THE TRUTH OF IT IS THAT THAT WILL NOT BE A PERMANENT LONG RANGE INVESTMENT. THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN PROVIDED FOR ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT WOULD HAVE LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR A PERMANENT PROSPEROUS ZIMBABWE. THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT DOES NOT.

(2) I MENTIONED THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN PROVIDED FOR ENOUGH U.N. TROOPS AND WHEN I TALKED TO BISHOP MUZOREWA ABOUT THOSE U.N. TROOPS HE AUTOMATICALLY ASSUMED THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT NIGERIAN TROOPS OR FRONTLINE TROOPS. IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING ALL ALONG THAT THE U.N. NEVER SENDS TROOPS  
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FROM THE SAME REGION TO A PEACE-KEEPING OPERATION SO WHAT WE WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT WOULD BE, NOT TROOPS THAT HAVE TAKEN A SIDE, BUT WE WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT SCANDINAVIAN TROOPS, FINLAND, SWEDEN, PERHAPS IRELAND. CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE TAKEN PART IN EVERY PEACE-KEEPING OPERATION AND PERHAPS SOME TROOPS FROM THE WEST INDIES. YOU WOULD HAVE A NEUTRAL MILITARY BODY THAT WOULD PROVIDE LAW AND ORDER BETTER THAN IT HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THE LAST 12 YEARS. THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT DOES NOT SAY WHERE THE ADDITIONAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE WOULD COME TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN THE EVENT THAT THERE WRE ATTACKS FROM COMMUNISTS ON THE OUTSIDE.

QUESTION: MR. AMBASSADOR, DO YOU NOT FEEL THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT'S POSITION COULD BE ALTERED AS A RESULT OF ACTIONS BY SOME OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY CONGRESS? I AM ASKING THIS QUESTION

IN VIEW OF CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS. I UNDRSTAND THAT SOME CONGRESSMEN OR SOME SENATORS MAY BE PLANNING TO MOVE RESOLUTIONS IN CONGRESS TO RECOGNISE THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

ANSWER: RIGHT NOW I WOULD SAY IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THOSE RESOLUTIONS TO PASS BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT THIS IS THE  
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SAME CONGRESS THAT DEFEATED THE BIRD (SIC AMENDMENT AND REPEALED IT SO IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT THISCONGRESS AND THIS ADMINISTRATION WOULD IMMEDIATELY REVERSE ITSELF AND I WOULD BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU THE LETTER THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS FOR INSTANCE WROTE TO THE PRESIDENT ALONG THE LINES OF ETHNIC POLITICS. WHEN I WAS IN CONGRESS, WHEN THERE WAS A PROBLEM OF CYPRUS I RESPECTED THE VIEWS OF THE GREEK CONGRESSMEN ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE. WHEN THERE IS A PROBLEM IN ISRAEL WE WORK ALONG WITH THE CONGRESSMEN WHO ARE OF JEWISH FAITH ON THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS QUITE OFTEN AND WHEN THERE IS AN AFRICAN ISSUE THOSE SAME CONGRESSMEN TEND TO GO ALONG WITH THE BLACK AMERICAN MEMBERS  
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OF CONGRESS.

SO I WOULD THINK, EVEN IF THERE WAS AN ISSUE, THAT WOULD BE PUT BEFORE THE CONGRESS IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT PAY US. THERE WILL BE A FEW CONGRESSMEN WHO WILL SPEAK VERY STRONGLY IN FAVOUR OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND YET I DON'T FEEL THAT THAT WOULD BE ANY PROBLEM. IF I THOUGHT THAT CONGRESS WAS GOING TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT I CERTAINLY WOULD NOT BE SAYING THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT I'M SAYING.

QUESTION: THERE SEEMS TO BE A STRONG FEELING IN RHODESIA THAT BOTH YOU AND DR. OWEN TEND TO FAVOUR EXTERNALLY BASED NATIONALIST PARTIES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OTHER GROUPS INVOLVED IN THE RHODESIAN CONFLICT. IS THERE ANY SUBSTANCE TO THIS CLAIM?

ANSWER: THERE IS NONE AT ALL. ALL WE DID AT MALTA WAS ARGUE FOR THE RIGHTS OF BISHOP MUZOREWA AND REVEREND SITHOLE. IN FACT OUR AGREEMENT OF A GOVERNMENT COUNCIL UNDER THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER WAS THE REV. SITHOLE, BISHOP MUZOREWA AND IAN SMITH HAS TO BE INCLUDED IN THAT GOVERNING COUNCIL ALONG WITH EXTERNALLY BASED NATIONALIST LEADERS AND THAT DECISIONS COULD ONLY BE MADE BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE WHICH WOULD MEAN THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE SOME GETTING TOGETHER. OUR POINT OF DISAGREEMENT WITH LEADERS OF THE EXTERNALLY BASED PARTY WAS IF WE WERE WILLING TO TURN THINGS OVER TO THEM THEY WOULD HAVE AGREED. THE MAIN REASON THEY HAVE DISAGREED IS WE HAVE BEEN DEFENDING THE RIGHTS OF BISHOP MUZOREWA AND REV. SITHOLE. WE HAVE NOT DEFENDED THE RIGHTS OF SENATOR CHIRAU AND I CONFESS TO THAT BECAUSE WE THINK THAT HE IS IAN SMITH'S REPRESENTATIVE AND THAT WHEN IAN SMITH IS THERE THAT REPRESENTS SENATOR CHIRAU. OUR CONCERN HAS BEEN TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE MINORITIES IN ANY OF THE AGREEMENTS WE HAVE DONE. THE THING THAT WOULD BE THE MOST DISASTROUS TO AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY WOULD BE A CIVIL WAR IN RHODESIA.

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IT WOULD BRING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT IN BRITIAN. IT IS NOT JUST  
THEIR SELF-INTEREST. WE ARE NOT JUST DOING SOMETHING HUMANITARIAN.  
IF WE PUT TOGETHER A SETTLEMENT, IT HAS GOT TO PROTECT WHITE  
RHODESIANS BECAUSE THIS ( UNITED STATES) IS STILL A WHITE  
COUNTRY. BRITAIN IS PREDOMINANTLY A WHITE COUNTRY AND IF  
PRESIDENT CARTER WERE ASSOICATED WITH SOMETHING THAT  
ENDED UP WITH A MASSACRE OF WHITES OR THE DRIVING OUT OF WHITES, IT  
WOULD DISCREDIT EVERYTHING HE HAS TRIED TO DO. THE SAME IS NOT TRUE  
IN TERMS OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH AN INTERNAL  
SETTLEMENT, WHICH I THINK GUARANTEES A BLACK AGAINST  
BLACK CIVIL WAR PRIMARILY, DOES NOTSEEM TO PRESENT MUCH OF  
A PROBLEM FOR THE PEOPLE IN RHODESIA AND IT PRESENTS A  
RPROBLEM FOR ME FOR DEEPLY HUMANITARIAN REASONS. YOU SEE I THINK  
THAT RHODESIA HAS THE BEST CHANCE FOR INDEPENDENCE OF ANY  
COUNTRY IN AFRICA FOR BEING DIFFERENT FROM ANY COUNTRY IN AFRICA.  
IN THE FIRST PLACE, YOU'VE GOT MORE EDUCATED BLACKS. YOU'VE  
ALMOST GOT A HUNDRED TIMES MORE THAN MOST OF THE COUNTRIES IN  
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AFRICA, AND A HUNDRED TIMES MORE EDUCATED BLACKS THAN YOU HAD  
IN ZAMBIA AT THE TIME OF INDEPENDENCE FOR INSTANCE. ZAMBIA  
IS A DELIGHTFUL PEACEFUL COUNTRY. WHITES AND BLACKS DO  
VERY WELL IN ZAMBIA. TANZANIA HAD LESS THAN A DOZEN COLLEGE  
GRADUATES. ZIMBABWE MUST HAVE 12,000 BLACK COLLEGE GRADUATES.  
I'M COUNTING NOT ONLY THOSE IN ZIMBABWE BUT I'M COUNTING  
ZIMBABWEANS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM THAT  
I KNOW WOULD COME BACK HOME TO AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY.  
I THINK THE SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA IS THE KEY TO THE SETTLEMENT  
ALSO IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IF 250,000 WHITES CAN LIVE PEACEFULLY AND  
PROSPEROUSLY WITH 7 MILLION BLACKS IN RHODESIA IT SETS AN EXAMPLE FOR  
BLACKS AND WHITES IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE TRUTH OF IT IS THAT THE  
DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR US IS NOT RHODESIA. RHODESIA IS GOING TO  
SETTLE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER PRETTY SOON. THE DIFFICULT PROBLEM  
FOR US IS SOUTH AFRICA. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US THAT THERE BE  
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA BECAUSE THAT WILL MAKE THE  
DIFFICULT PROBLEM IN SOUTH AFRICA EASIER. IT WILL ALSO MAKE THE  
PROBLEM OF NAMIBIA ( SOUTH WEST AFRICA) EASIER. BECAUSE THERE IS SO



MUCH POTENTIAL IN TERMS OF MINERAL WEALTH, IN TERMS OF TALENT, IN TERMS OF CLIMATE, AGRICULTURE, EVERYTHING, IN RHODESIA, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE, A MODEL STATE FOR AFRICA AND IT WOULD BE THAT WITHIN 5 YEARS BUT ONLY WITH WESTERN ASSISTANCE. NOW, WE CAN'T HELP YOU MILITARILY, WE CAN'T HELP THE EXTERNALLY BASED LEADERS, WE CAN'T HELP THE WHITES. THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS WILL HELP SAY MILITARILY. THEY WON'T HELP ECONOMICALLY. WE WILL HELP ECONOMICALLY. THE SOONER WE CAN GET THROUGH WITH THE FIGHTING AND START THE BUILDING THE SOONER BLACKS AND WHITES WILL LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE AND PROSPERITY AND THE SOONER WE WILL HAVE A POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFORMING THE ENTIRE SOUTHERN AFRICAN CONTINENT.

QUESTION: MR. AMBASSADOR, I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU ANOTHER QUESTION PLEASE. AS YOU KNOW, BISHOP MUZOREWA IS IN TOWN AND HE UNCLASSIFIED

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SPENT THE PAST FEW DAYS MEETING MEMBERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. HE IS NOW BACK IN NEW YORK AND YESTERDAY THE EXTERNAL NATIONALISTS WERE AFFORDED THE CHANCE TO ADDRESS THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL. DO YOU FEEL THAT THE SAME COURTESY SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO HIM?

ANSWER: I DO FEEL THAT THAT COURTESY SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO BISHOP MUZOREWA. I TOLD BISHOP MUZOREWA PERSONALLY THAT I WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND A LETTER SUBMITTING HIS NAME TO THE COUNCIL FOR THE RIGHT TO SPEAK AND THAT HE COULD COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF MY GOVERNMENT IN HIS RIGHT TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE AFRICAN GROUP DECIDED THAT BECAUSE OF THE LAWS OF CENSORSHIP WITHIN RHODESIA, WHICH WERE PASSED IN JANUARY WHICH DID NOT ALLOW THE EXTERNAL LEADERS' NAMES TO BE RECORDED THAT IT WOULD BE A DISTORTION OF THE SITUATION FOR ONLY BISHOP MUZOREWA'S SIDE TO BE HEARD. THEY ALSO MADE THE POINT, WHICH WE DID NOT AGREE WITH, THAT IF IAN SMITH CAME, HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO EPAEK BECAUSE HIS GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERED ILLEGAL BY BRITAIN. IF HE SENT MINISTER VAN DER BYL, HE WOULD NOT BE RECEIVED AND THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA, BY SIGNING AN AGREEMENT WITH SMITH, BECAME A PART OF IAN SMITH'S GOVERNMENT. WE DID NOT AGREE WITH THAT POINT OF VIEW. WE TOLD THEM WE DID NOT AGREE WITH IT BUT THE AFRICANS, THE EASTERN BLOC AND THE NON-ALIGNED ALL AGREED WITH THE AFRICAN POSITION AND IT REQUIRES 9 VOTES OUT OF 15 TO BE HEARD AT THE COUNCIL AND WE COULD ONLY ORGANIZE 5 VOTES FROM THE 5 WESTERN MEMBERS. I THINK BISHOP MUZOREWA, RATHER THAN HAVE THIS, I THINK RIGHTLY, AS IT IS NECESSARY TO REQUEST THE RIGHT TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL HAS NOT MADE THAT REQUEST. BUT SHOULD HE MAKE THAT REQUEST WE WOULD SUPPORT HIM NOW OR ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE. END QUOTE. BOWDLER

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